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Regarding docket # E-01345A-07-0663 & T-01846B-07-0663

I wish to object to the establishment of the UCSA within Hillcrest Bay Mobil Manor in La Paz county. This effort is an attempt by APS and property owners of lake view lots to get all the property owners to pay for the trenching and repaving costs associated with this project. APS has threatened to move all the rear property poles and conductors to the street if the property owners don't pay for trenching and repaving. Verizon has stated that if APS moves their plant from existing rear feed poles to new front feed poles, they will remain on the rear feed poles and maintain their plant as it is. The APS argument for doing this is that they can not access the existing rear feed plant. How is it that Verizon sees no problem with the existing situation? I have 30 years experience as an outside plant engineer in the telephone industry and have seen thousands of streets with rear property feed above ground utilities that still exists today. I have never seen a single underground conversion in a residential area.

I also wish to object to the conversion costs of this proposal. The costs are allocated by lot size regardless of benefit. The beneficiaries of the utility undergrounding are the owners of lake view lots, approximately 50% of the lots. The above ground utilities are not noticeable to non-lake view lots unless you go outside and look for them. This project forces property owners of non-lake view lots to help pay for lake view property owners get a better lake view. If this project goes forward, the costs should be assessed mostly to those who would benefit the most.


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